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SUBJECT: LOS: NEW YORK CONFERENCE SESSION

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1. POLCOUNS MADE DEMARCHE PER PARA 4 REFTEL MARCH 12 TO DIRECTOR MEA'S

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OLU ADENIJI. DIRECTOR AGREED IT IMPORTANT THAT NEW YORK SESSION BEGIN MAKE PROGRESS AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WITH GOOD WILL ON ALL SIDES, COMPROMISES ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

2. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, ADENIJI VOLUNTEERED HIS OPINION THAT COMMITTEE II IS ON VERGE AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT SOME WORK IS STILL REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE IN ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS OF INTERPRETATION WHICH PLAGUED LAST LOS CONVENTION.

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE WORK IN COMMITTEES I AND IIIN HE MADE IT CLEAR

THAT NIGERIA OPPOSES PROPOSALS WHICH GIVE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES "VETO POWER" (WEIGHTED VOTING) IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL MONITOR, REGULATE AND IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF TREATY. HE ALSO WAS FIRM IN EXPRESSING NIGERIAN VIEW THAT COASTAL STATES MUST BE GIVEN "THE RIGHT" TO APPROVE (AND BY INFERENCE DISAPPROVE) MARINE SCIENTIFIC REASEARCH CARRIED OUT IN THE 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. IN BOTH INSTANCES, NIGERIA'S POSITION SEEMED TO BE BASED ON THE DESIRE TO PROTECT SOVEREIGNTY AND RESOURCES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FACE OF THE SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITIES OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD. ADENIJI BRUSHED ASIDE PROBLEMS BEING REAISED BY LANDLOCKED STATES WITH COMMENT THAT AS LONG AS COASTAL STATES GIVE LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES SOME SHARE IN SEABED REASESOURCES AND RAMAIN FIRM, LANDLOCKED STATES WILL HAVE TO COME TO TERMS.

3. ADENIJI INDICATED HE WOULD BE TRAVELING TO NEW YORK FOR PART OF THE SESSION BUT AS YET HE CANNOT SAY JUST WHEN HE WILL GET AWAY FROM LAGOS.
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